THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Support to Weavers

@3307. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Statesman of 6th January, 1992 titled "Rags resurrected as";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to support these weavers with funds and marketing facilities; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to extend such ecologically sound, indigenous, cottage industries to other areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are several on-going Schemes to enable weavers to avail themselves of working capital and marketing facilities. Government provides share capital assistance to weavers for becoming members of Primary Handloom Cooperative Societies. With this as margin money, primary societies can obtain credit at concessional rate of interest from cooperative banks. Marketing efforts are augumented by apex bodies like State Handloom Development Corporation and apex cooperative societies. Government provides Market Development Assistance to handloom organisations

(c) There is no particular scheme for the product referred to here. However, Schemes available for other handloom products could also be available for this product. Extension of production base for this particular product would depend on several factors, including willingness of the weavers and market demand.

Closed Handloom Units in the Country

3308. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of handloom units lying closed in the country State-wise;

(b) whether Government have conducted a study in respect of the miserable condition of these industries;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof state-wise, district-wise;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to conduct any study for the purpose; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) A Census of handlooms at the national level covering, *inter-alia*, certain data on the socio-economic aspect of handloom weavers was conducted through National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) during 1987-88. One of the findings of the census on the economic status of the weavers revealed that weaving house-holds supplemented their monthly earnings by undertaking non-weaving activities to improve their position significantly. A statement indicating the State-wise data on the distribution of house-holds by monthly earnings and status of idleness of the looms is attached. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2410, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Number of Looms		Distribution of households by monthly earnings from all sources		
		Working	Idle	Upto Rs. 200	Rs. 201–500	Rs. 501 and above
1.	Andhra Pradesh	213404	6311	13672	113934	44054
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	45060	456	1784	18995	13096
3.	Assam	1298731	110437	66360	365234	792362
4.	Bihar	72965	9692	2243	33875	31069
5.	Goa	41	54	2	16	26
6.	Gujarat	21165	1408	2425	12717	6211
7.	Haryana	17378	2894	273	2917	13771
8.	Himachal Pradesh	30991	373	3219	13657	12193
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	25253	19	785	8213	8558
10.	Karnataka	76719	4866	3908	34010	20300
11.	Kerala	41904	9725	11811	18296	3464
12.	Madhya Pradesh	31380	16051	1441	20747	13525
13.	Maharasthra	66437	1205	2701	33583	15492
14.	Manipur	266915	3346	4405	26995	160738
15.	Meghalaya	7783	418	0	213	6186
16.	Mizoram	94388	9406	141	6913	72728
17.	Nagaland	71636	5867	13492	14484	23053
18.	Orissa	92316	26689	4993	53125	28369
19.	Punjab	11292	936	206	3723	3969
20.	Rajasthan	31694	1562	1504	16838	11506
21.	Tamilnadu	402046	26499	24803	144302	92204
22.	Tripura	116659	2413	8331	64129	27397
23.	Uttar Pradesh	243675	17039	4289	110921	74307
24.	West Bengal	318514	19985	31386	202681	50140
25.	Delhi	8326	1010	6	1241	6138
26.	Pondicherry	4841	402	168	2184	942
	TOTAL	3611513	279063	204348	1323943	1531798